

Application No. 09/476,910
Response to Office Action

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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT-MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 15-17, 19-27 and 29 is respectfully acknowledged.

Independent claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9 and 11 have been amended to incorporate subject matter corresponding to the subject matter of allowable claim 16. And each of independent claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9 and 11 have been amended to delete unnecessary recitations in the preambles thereof.

In addition, claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 13-15, 17-19, 21, 25 and 27-29 have been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and/or to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent. The informalities pointed out by the Examiner have all been corrected.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 13-15, 17-19, 21, 25 and 27-29 be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that amended independent claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9 and 11 and claims 12-15, 17-23,

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25 and 27-29 respectively depending therefrom are now all in condition for immediate allowance.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to correct the spelling of "point". Clearly, no new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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